



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:  
**Robert Christopher Dixon**

Serial No.: 09/768,074

Filed: **January 23, 2001**

For: **Multiple Fan Monitoring Circuit for  
Monitoring a Number of Fans Utilizing a  
Single Sense Input**

§ Attorney Docket No. AUS0000614US1  
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§ Examiner: **Carol S. Tsai**  
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§ Art Unit: **2857**

**AMENDMENT A UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire June 28, 2003. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee due under 37. C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). Please charge any other fees necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **IBM Corporation's Deposit Account No. 09-0447**.

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### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire June 28, 2003. Claims 1, 3-14, and 16-20 are pending. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 14, 16, 17 and 19, and canceled Claims 2 and 15.